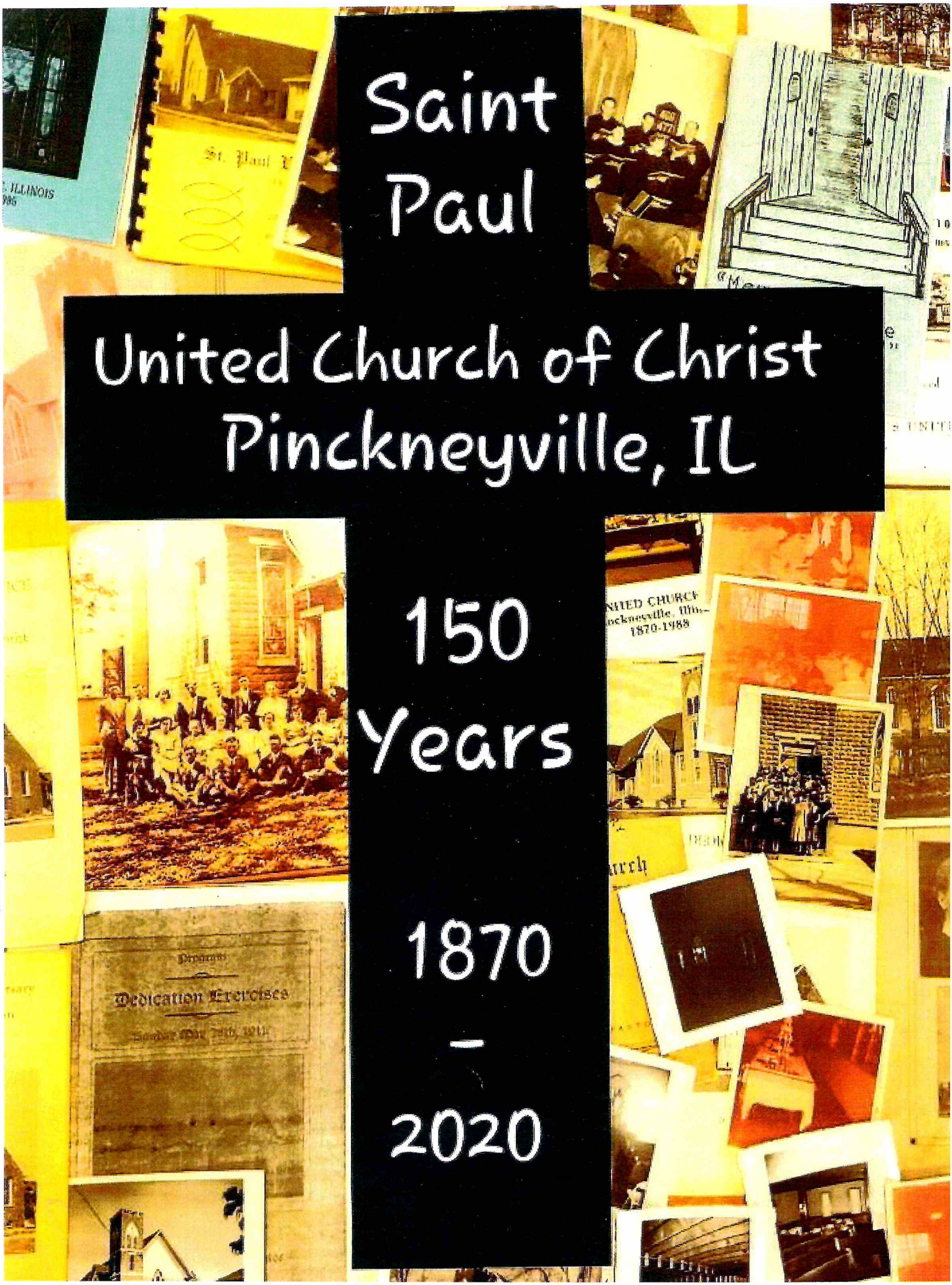
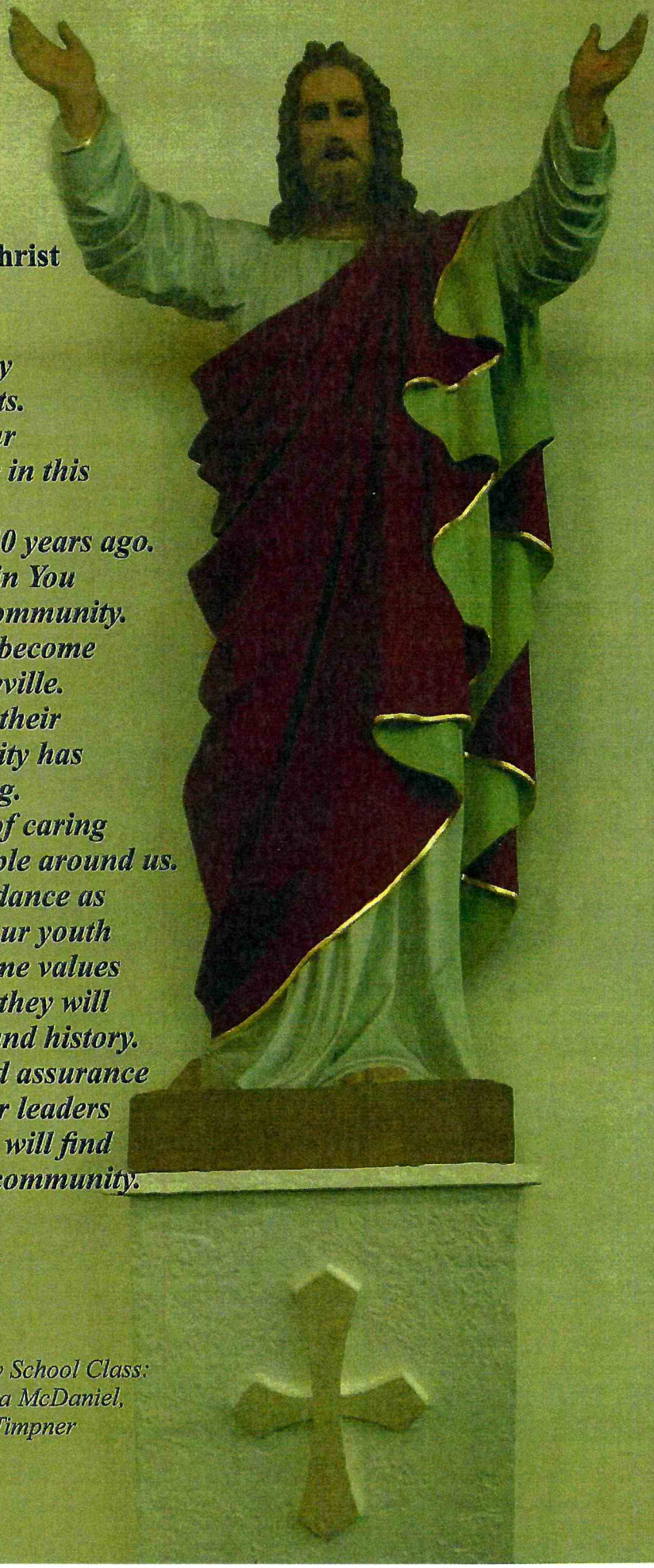
Saint Paul

United Church of Christ
Pinckneyville, IL

150 Years

1870 – 2020





Our Prayer for
St. Paul United Church of Christ

Dear Lord,
We come before you today
and always, with full hearts.
We are so thankful for our
ancestors who banned together in this
community to establish
St. Paul United Church of Christ 150 years ago.
They shared a common faith in You
and the desire to worship in the community.
Over the years this church has become
an integral part of Pincknevyville.
The faith of our fathers and their
determination to this community has
shaped our everyday living.
They taught us the importance of caring
for our culture, the land, and the people around us.
We pray for Your continued guidance as
we move forward. We pray for our youth
that we are teaching them the same values
that our ancestors taught us, so they will
be able to carry on our traditions and history.
We thank you for all of the love and assurance
that you have bestowed upon our leaders
and pray that the next 150 years will find
St. Paul UCC still thriving in this community.
In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

Written and submitted by the Senior Adult Sunday School Class:
Sandy Timpner, Teacher, Jack Rennison, Alberta McDaniel,
Donna Vuichard, Doris Porter and Gary Timpner

History of St. Paul United Church of Christ
Pinckneyville, Illinois 1870-2020

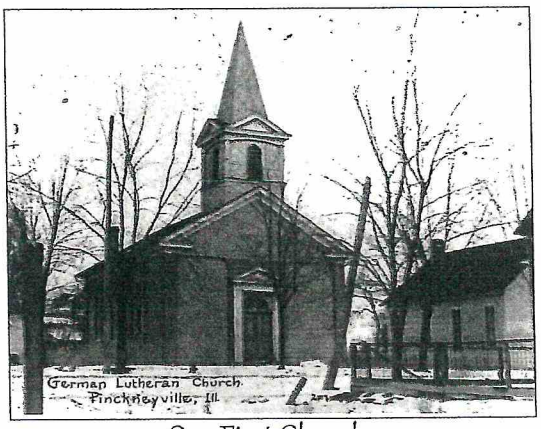
Willkommen zum hunderfunfzigsten Jubilaum von St. Paul UCC!

Welcome to St. Paul UCC's one-hundred-fiftieth year anniversary!

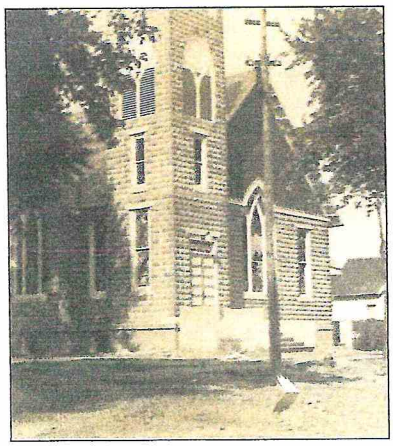
This is the story of a resilient people. The congregation of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Pinckneyville has endured with the help of God, worshiping together for 150 years.

In the decades leading up to the American Civil War, German immigrants were migrating, establishing the farmlands around Pinckneyville, IL. Some of them were of Lutheran and Methodist faiths, while others were German Reformed and German Evangelical. At the time, our nation was facing a time of uncertainty, wrought with division over various differences, as these four groups of people came together with one common goal: to speak together in the same language, and worship God in their native tongue. It took unity. It took cooperation. It took faith.

While at first the founders of St. Paul Church and their families met in various homes, the need for a structure became evident, and in 1870, on the corner of Jackson and Gordon streets, a humble brick structure was assembled on the site where our present church stands. Two years later, a parsonage was built, one room of which was used as a German Parochial school. The Evangelical constitution was adopted in 1873 and the church formally organized with 12 charter members: Louis Yung, George Huth, Jacob Kunz, Peter Loos Sr., Peter Yung, John Hepp, Charley Hoffman, Balthazar Gertenschalger, Jacob Loos, Henry Driemeyer, John Valentine and John Loos. Some descendants of the German Americans who founded the church are still members today.

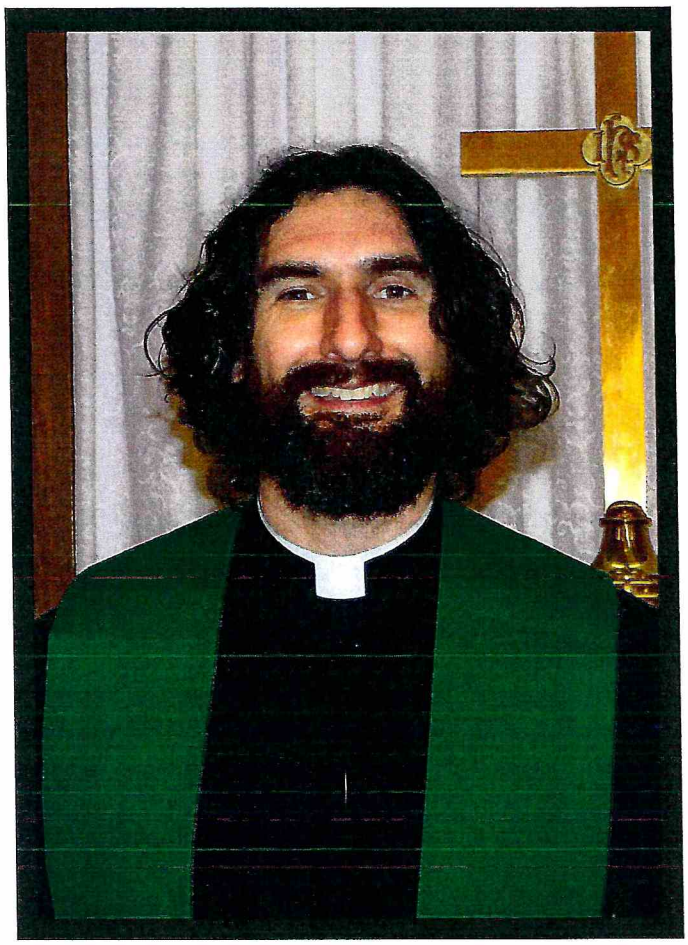


Our First Church


Our Second Church

A larger house of worship was built in 1912 as membership continued to expand. Around this time, in the years leading up to World War I, services began to be held in English. St. Paul Church carried on, adapting through the changing times. In a rural area northeast of Pincknevyille, a sister church was established under the name, "St. Peter's," but became better known as "White Walnut Chapel." The pastor conducted services at both places until 1935 when roads and transportation methods had improved.

Dear Friends in Christ,



This last year has been a wild ride, but the people here at St. Paul UCC have risen to the occasion and faced the challenges life has given us with quiet courage and unassuming dignity. During uncertain times, it can be challenging to follow Christ's call to be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves", but we can take comfort in the knowledge that our ancestors in the faith have faced similar difficulties throughout church history, and the body of Christ is still here and able to stand strong in our community, our nation, and our world. The programs we have for the future of our church, our youth, are still going strong. A class of confirmation students, eager to learn about Christ and become full members of our congregation, began today. In the face of challenges, we're not dying. We're growing while some other churches are struggling, and God continues to bless us as a congregation.

The more the world tries to divide us, the more important the gospel call to come together in love becomes. The darker the days and the more evil we see in the world, the greater the need of those around us becomes for the light, goodness, and love that Christ has given us to share. Only love can conquer the hatred that divides us as a nation, just as only good can truly conquer evil in any lasting manner. We are meant to be a city on a hill, calling those to hear about a savior who loves us all and cares especially about the poorest and most vulnerable among us. Here at St. Paul UCC, we remain committed to doing the Lord's work regardless of what else is going on in the world. During difficult times, God's people don't have the luxury of doing anything else. Many thanks to all of you for making this church what it continues to be after 150 years of faithful service to God.

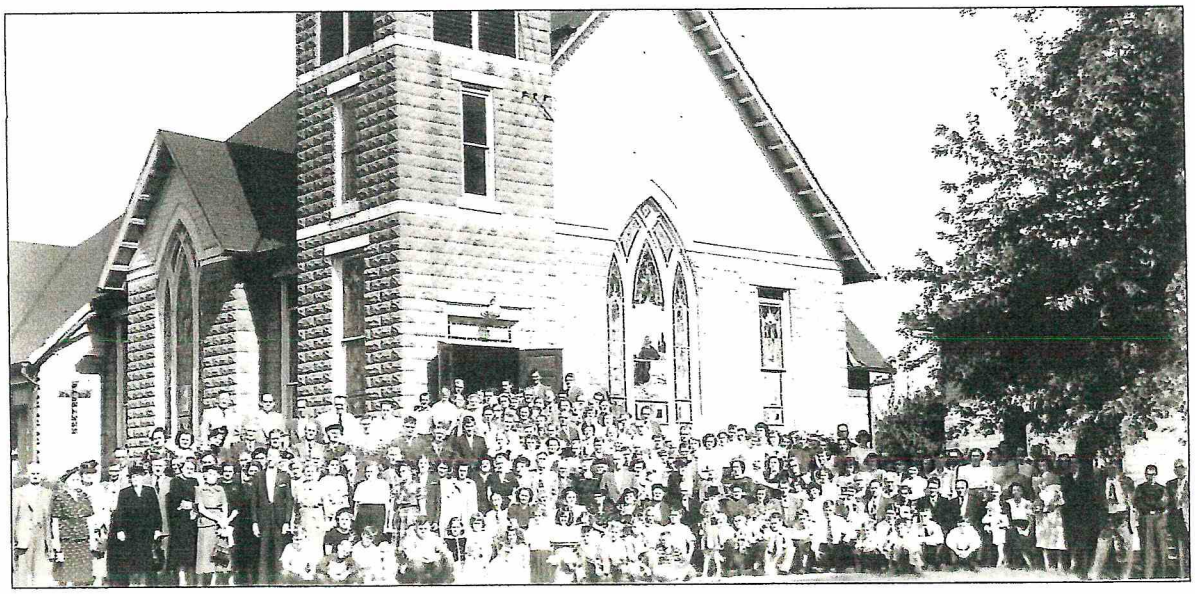
With love in Christ,
Rev. Jason Eisele

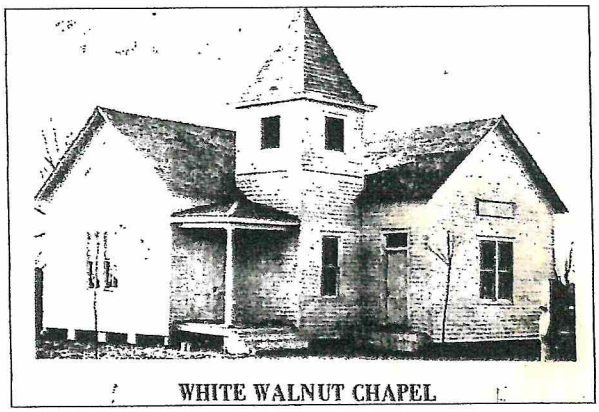
Rev. Cindy Bean recording a Sunday service.

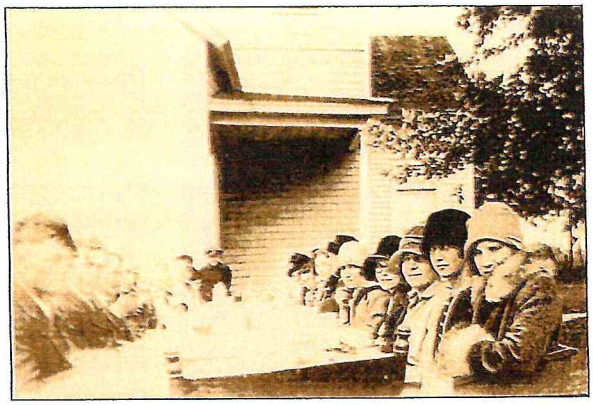
The world faced a sudden change with the onset of COVID-19 in 2020, and St. Paul UCC's online presence was called to action. A series of video webcasts via Facebook began to air to keep the church in touch while doors were closed during the quarantine. In the 2020's, our world is wrapped up once again in great unrest as groups of people are separated through some comparable ways as when St. Paul church started. Again, we find ourselves facing times of uncertainty, wrought with division over various differences. We still carry on today, as we always have through every previous storm. While technological advances in communication have brought our world closer together than ever before, many of us in this world are still not all speaking the same languages, (literally and figuratively).Looking ahead, we must search again within ourselves for that old time unity, cooperation and faith we were based on. May we on this sesquicentennial, renew that spirit of unity our forefathers sustained. To seek justice, love, kindness, and walk humbly with our God. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts." (Psalms 145:3-4).

Die Gnade unseres Herrn Jesus Christus sei mit euch allen.
Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Amen

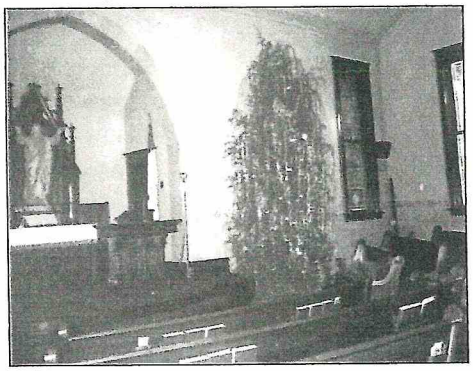

St. Paul Evangelical & Reformed church
Circa 1945





Picture of members enjoying a potluck, was taken at the White Walnut church shortly before it was closed.

The Rev. Martin P. Schroedel was called as pastor in 1932, and remained until 1951. During his longtime stay, the church progressed spiritually, financially, membership increased, chicken fries and ice cream socials were conducted, and many other endeavors were accomplished, although this was through an era of the Great Depression. World War II, and the Korean Conflict. The German Evangelical Church joined with the German Reformed denomination in 1934 to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. As the congregation continued to grow, a renovation took place in 1953, where the sanctuary's semi-circular pew arrangement was changed to a rectangular shape with a center aisle.



Sanctuary before 1953 renovation

In 1957, the E&R Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church to be known as the United Church of Christ. With a further desire to spread Christ's teachings, our present educational building was constructed, dedicated in 1965.

One of the deepest challenges the congregation faced was carrying on after the passing of the Rev. Keith Klosterman in 1995. He served with us for 27 years, the longest of any pastor of this church to date. Through this time, cooperative Lenten Services and Vacation Bible Schools were conducted. Church softball teams were organized, and all kinds of ministry were displayed from quilting to choir singing, to sharing in potlucks and youth group activities, to entering floats in the Pinckneyville Mardi Gras parades.

2005 saw the construction of a handicap accessible entrance to our sanctuary, making it possible for even more people to participate in worshiping with us. A total of 29 resident pastors have served since our origin. The most recent of them being Rev. Mark Binder (1997-2000), Rev. Howard J. Self (2002-2005), Rev. Cindy Bean (2009-2020), and Rev. Jason Eisele (2021-present).

In 2020-2021, a few torches were passed. Longtime church secretary Eunice Schrader (pictured above with family) retired after many years of dedicated service to St. Paul UCC.

In 2021, Karen Crowl (pictured below) ended her musical stay with us on a high note as organist and pianist. The talents of both of these ladies enriched our church greatly.

Pastors of St. Paul

Rev. John Maul
Prior to 1870
Part-time

Rev. George Goeinger
Prior to 1870
Part-time

Rev. Albert Zeller
1870-1874

Rev. F. Kauffman
1874-1876

Rev. John Klick
1876-1882

Rev. Wilhelm Gaertner
1882-1884

Rev. George Maul
1884-1885

Rev. H. Siegfried
1885-1886

Rev. C. Kramer
1886-1890

Rev. C. Lengtat
1891-1892

Rev. F. J. Buschmann
1893-1898

Rev. A. Grabowski
1898-1901

Rev. Chr. Stech
1901-1903

Rev. Daniel Buchmueller
1903-1906

Rev. August Bender
1906-1909

Rev. F. H. Mittendorf
1909-1913

Rev. O.W. Heggemeyer
1913-1917

Rev. E.C. Brink
1917-1920

Rev. Adolph Friz
1920-1927

Rev. Arthur E. Reiss
1928-1932

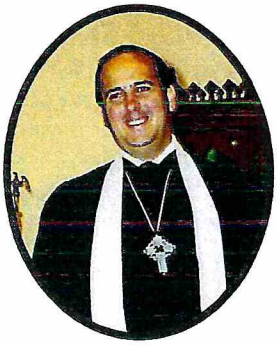
Rev. Martin P. Schroedel
1932-1952

Rev. Eugene Jensen
1952-1954

Rev. Harold Schulz
1954-1960

Rev. George Boettcher
1960-1968

Rev. Keith C. Klosterman
1968-1995



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Rev. Cindy Bean
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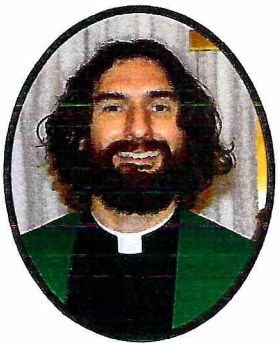


Rev. Jason Eisele
2021-Present

Church Council

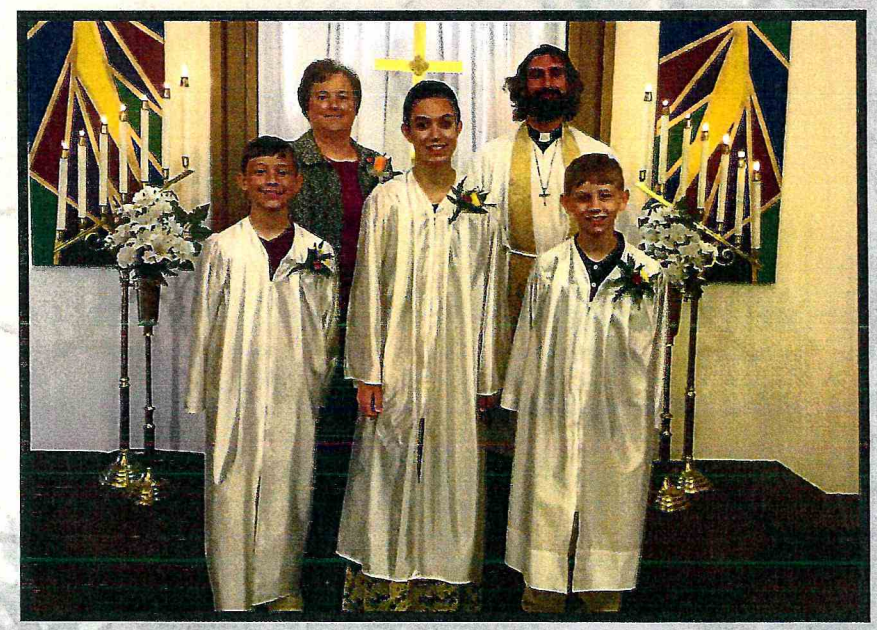
Front: Bobby Boudet, Rhonda Hardin, Beth Priebe, Tracey Laird, Bobby Nagel
Back: Ray Porter, Billy Joe Bender, Don Martie, Steve Priebe, Mark McDaniel

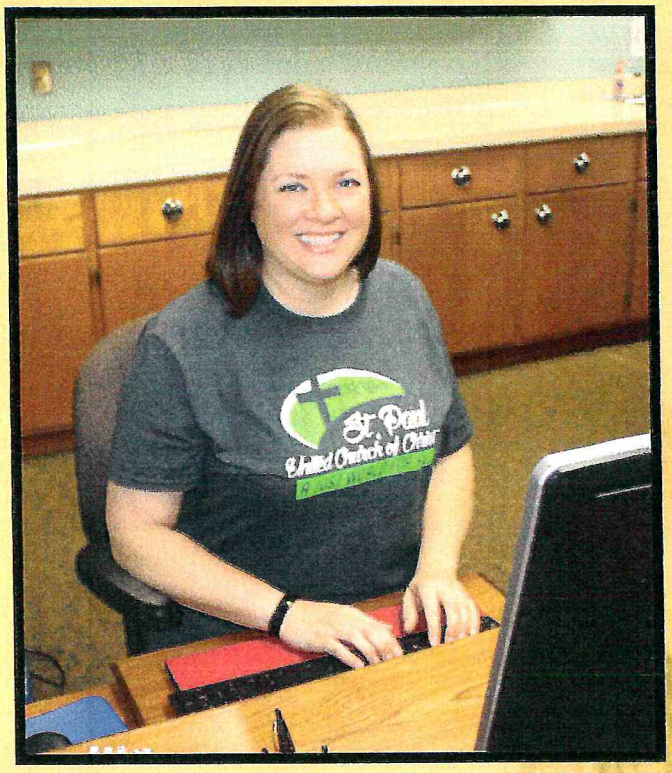
Christian Board of Education

Donna Vuichard, Nikki Boudet, Rhonda Hardin and Kelsey Robinson, Sandy Timpner (not pictured)

2021 Confirmation Class

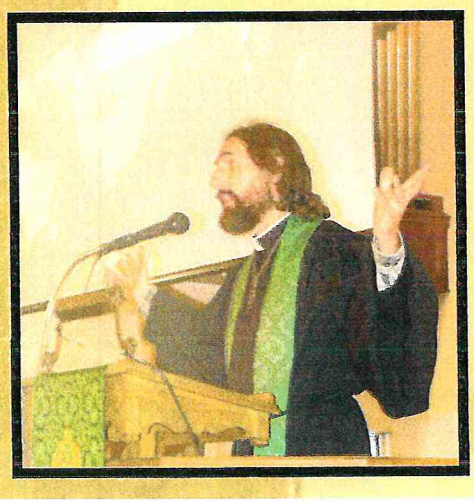
Front: Trenton Schwarz, Piper Stoffel, Travis Schwarz
Back: Judy Logsdon, Teacher, Pastor Jason Eisele

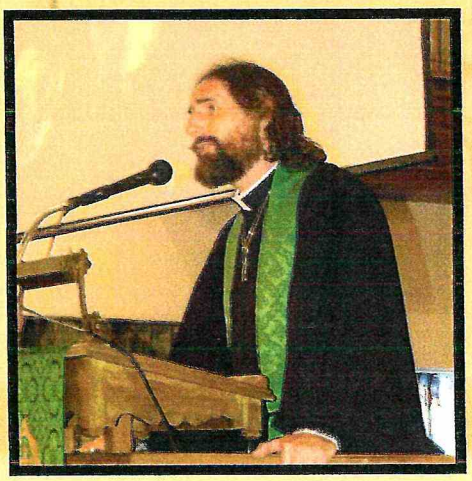


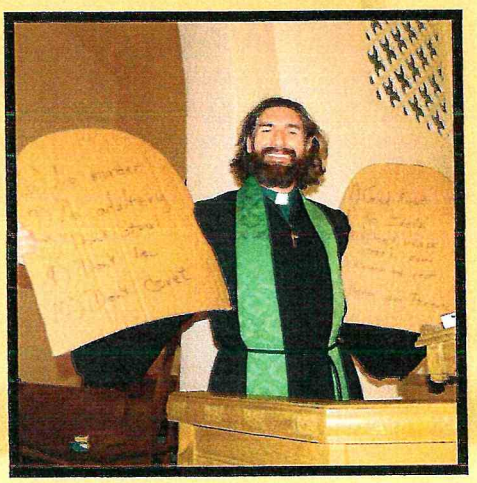


Karen Crowl (above left) served as church secretary after Eunice. She now passes the role to Virginia "Micky" Rivet.

In 2021, we welcomed Rev. Jason Eisele to l ad us in worship as our resident pastor with a unanimous vote (left). As we celebrate 150 years gone by, we look ahead to new beginnings



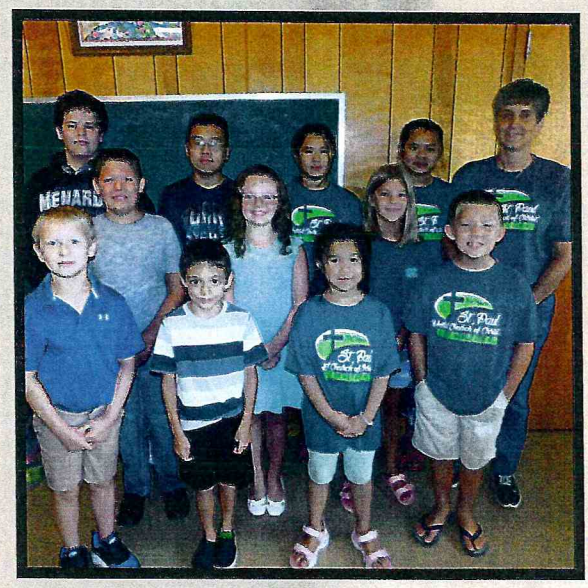




Sunday School Classes

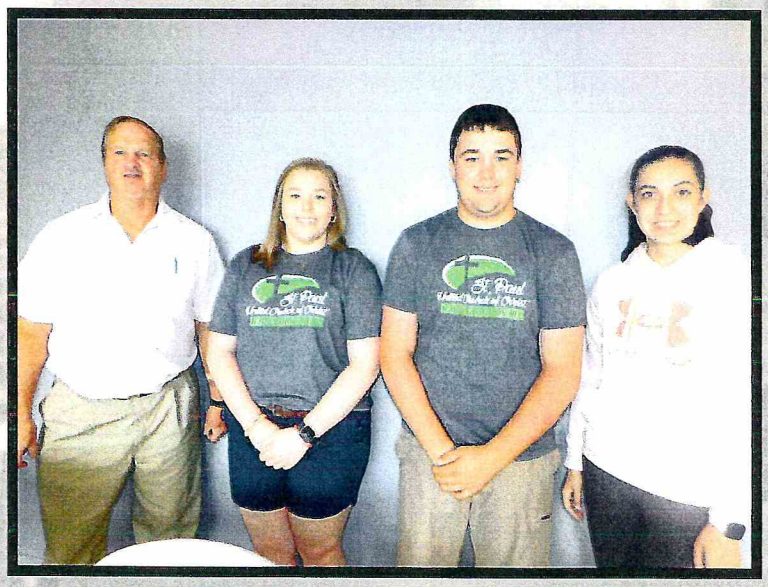
Teachers: Judy Logsdon (Confirmation),
Ray Porter (Teens),
Beth Priebe (Beginners)
Sandy Timpner (Seniors),
Rhonda Shubert (Youth)
Diann Priebe (Beginners)

Beginners: Diann Priebe, Hannah Wang, William Bender, Lucas Porter, Adam Lambert, Khloe Liter, Beth Priebe

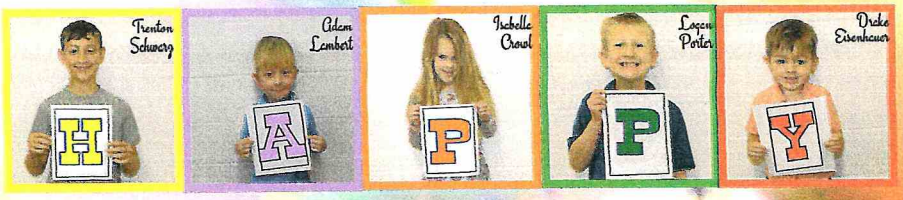


Youth: Logan Porter, Cobie Moore, Angelica Zheng, Grayson Martin, Wyatt Robinson, Maddie Nagel, Maddy Martin, Gavin Blockyou, Junjie Wang, Iris Zheng, Evelyn Zheng, Rhonda Shubert

Seniors: Doris Porter, Alberta McDaniel, Jack Rennison, Sandy Timpner, Gary Timpner, Donna Vuichard



Teens: Ray Porter, Erica Crews, Jacob Crews, Piper Stoffel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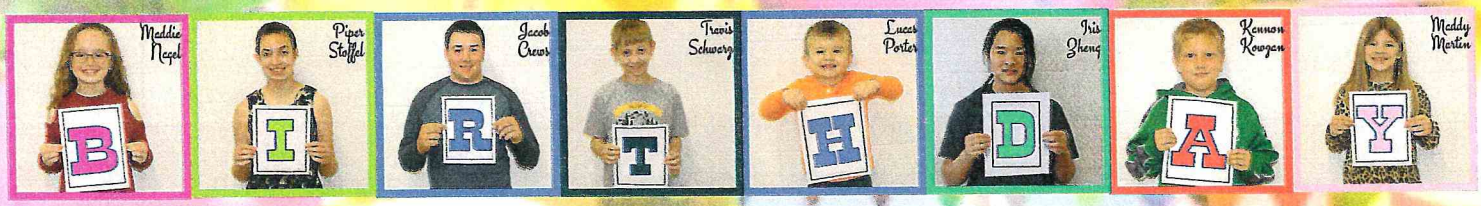
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Carly Heisner
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Hannah Wong
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Mission Trip

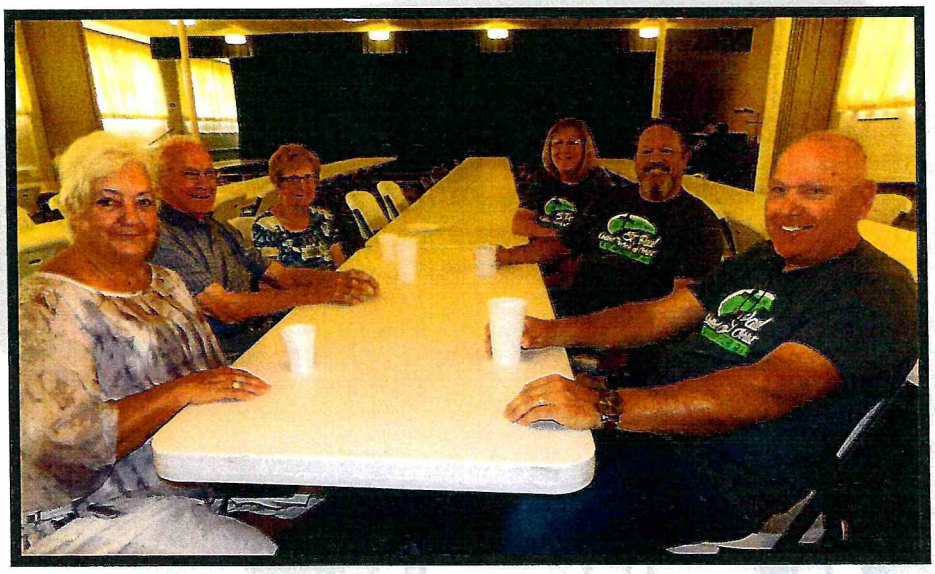
Front row: Charis Varnum,Trenton Schwarz, Travis Schwarz, Emily Bender, Bradley Bender
2nd row: Joey Martin, Cory Mitchell, Cody Mitchell, Carly Heisner, Maude Varnum, Eliza Heisner
Faith Trail, Erin Bender, Rhonda Shubert
Back row: Ray Porter, Zach Weatherford, Jacob Crews, Paige Epplin

Youth Fellowship

Front row: Trenton Schwarz, Travis Schwarz, Emily Bender, Bradley Bender,
Back row: Cory Mitchell, Cody Mitchell, Carly Heisner, Ray Porter, Maude Varnum
Erin Bender and Jacob Crews

Wish Pillow Crew

Front row: Sandy Timpner, Deloris Bender, Doris Porter (seated), Pat Mohr, Donna Vuichard, Back row: Bernice Bender, Don Martie, Bernita Wild, Diann Priebe

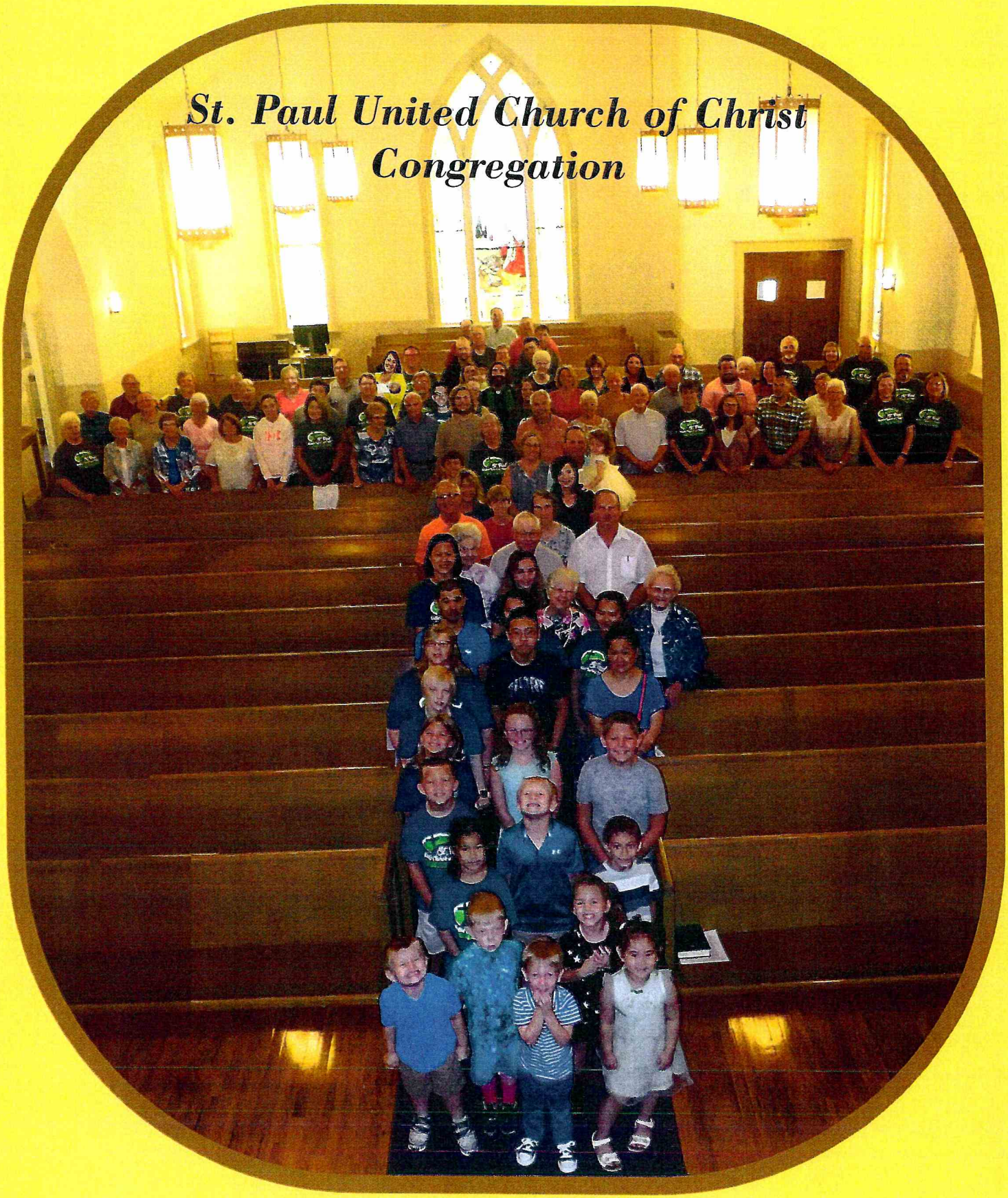


Coffee Hour

Left: Clydine Hardin, Bob & Linda Cicardi
Right: Steve Priebe, Bobby Boudet & Tracey Laird

150th Celebration Committee

Front: Beth Priebe, Pastor Jason Eisele, Eric Lambert, Tracey Laird
Back: Judy Logsdon, Don Martie, Diann Priebe, Nikki & Bobby Boudet



July 11, 2021

Photo by
Eric Lambert

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St. Paul United Church of Christ 150th Celebration Service
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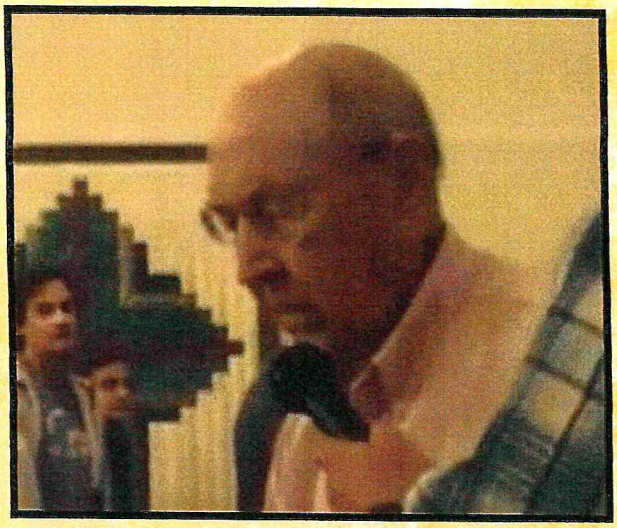
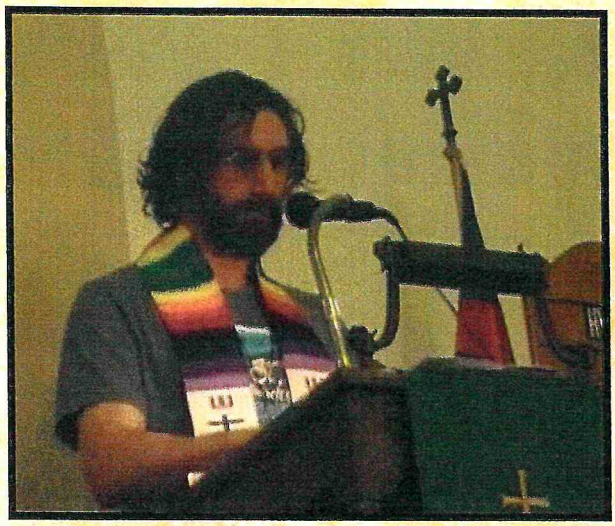
The 150th Celebration Service

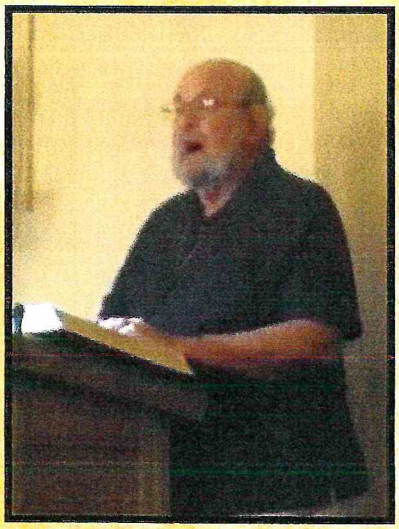


Bill Schrader giving the welcome in German

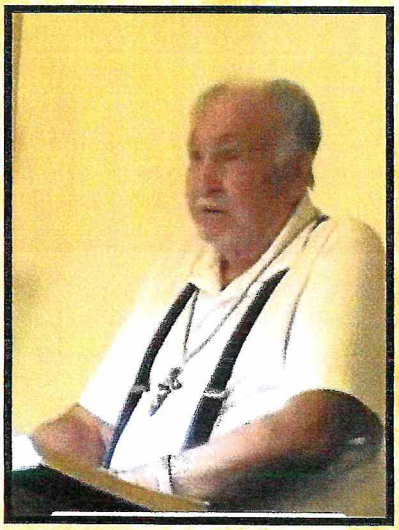


Present Pastor at St. Paul UCC, Jason Eisele

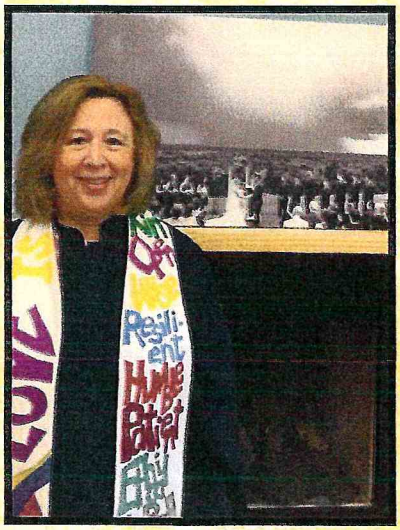
Brothers and Others provided music during the service



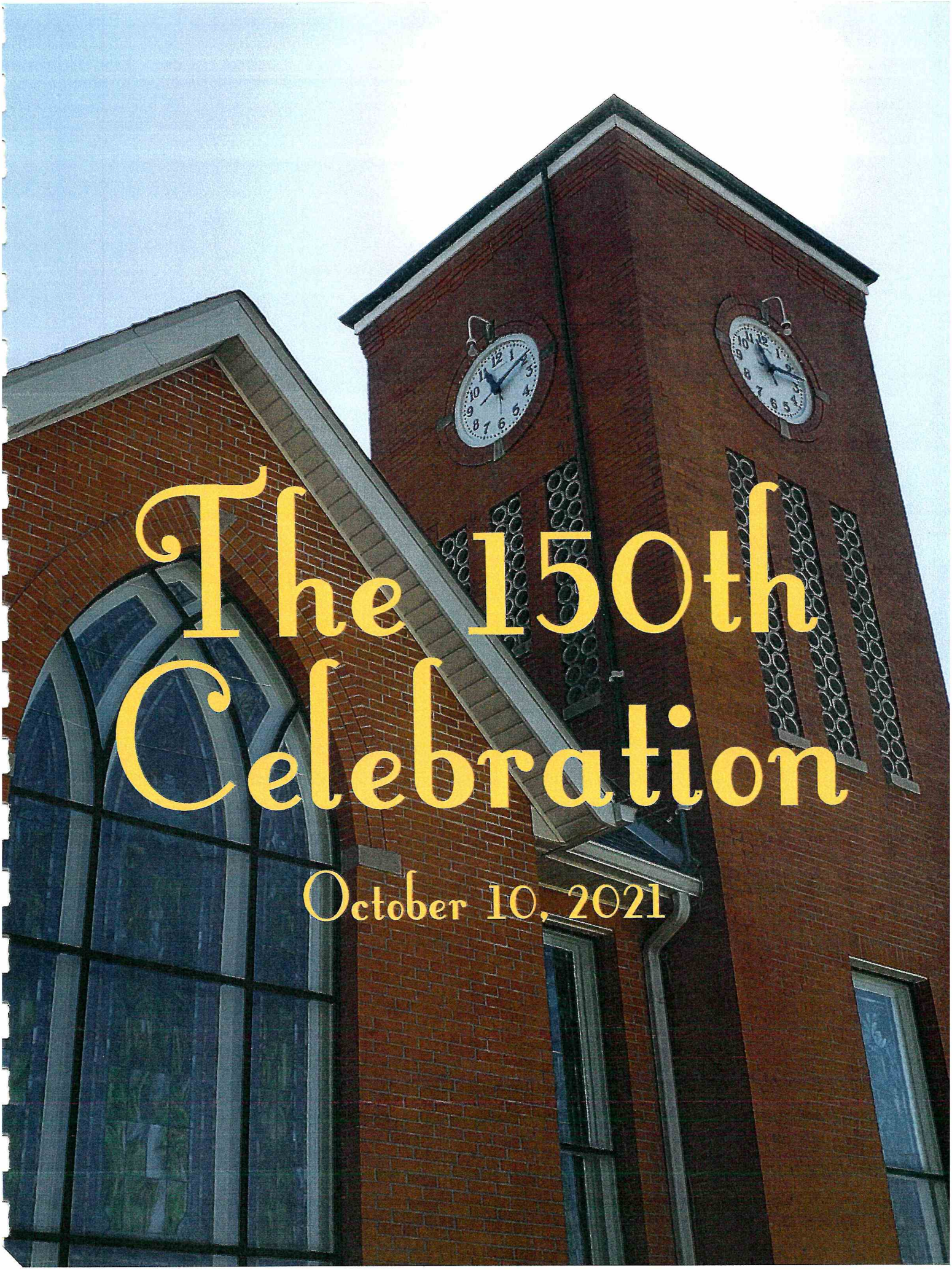
Pastor Dave Trovar



Pastor Louis Fluck



Pastor Cindy Bean via video



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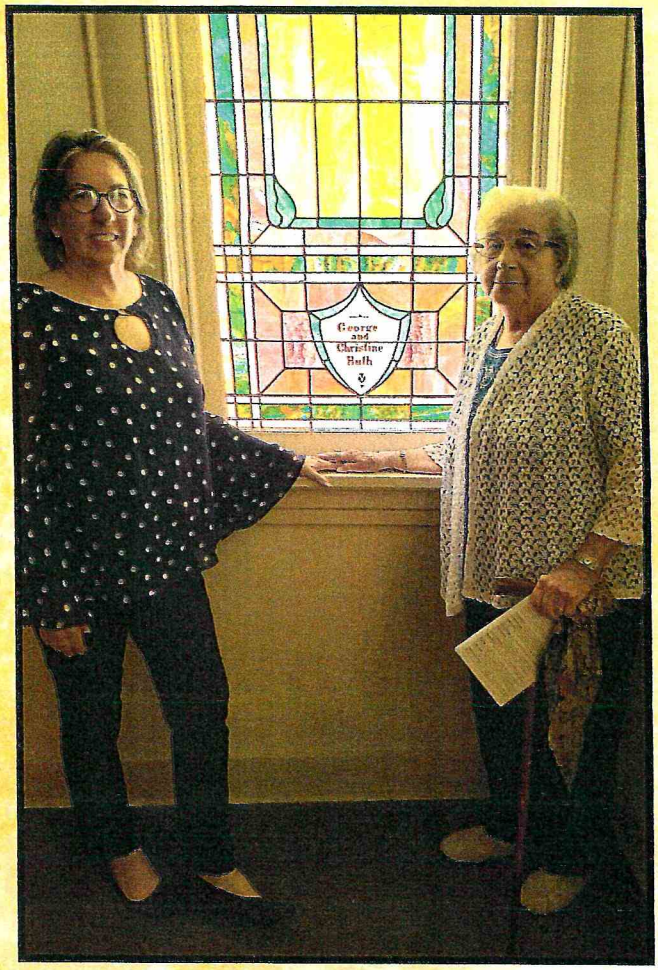
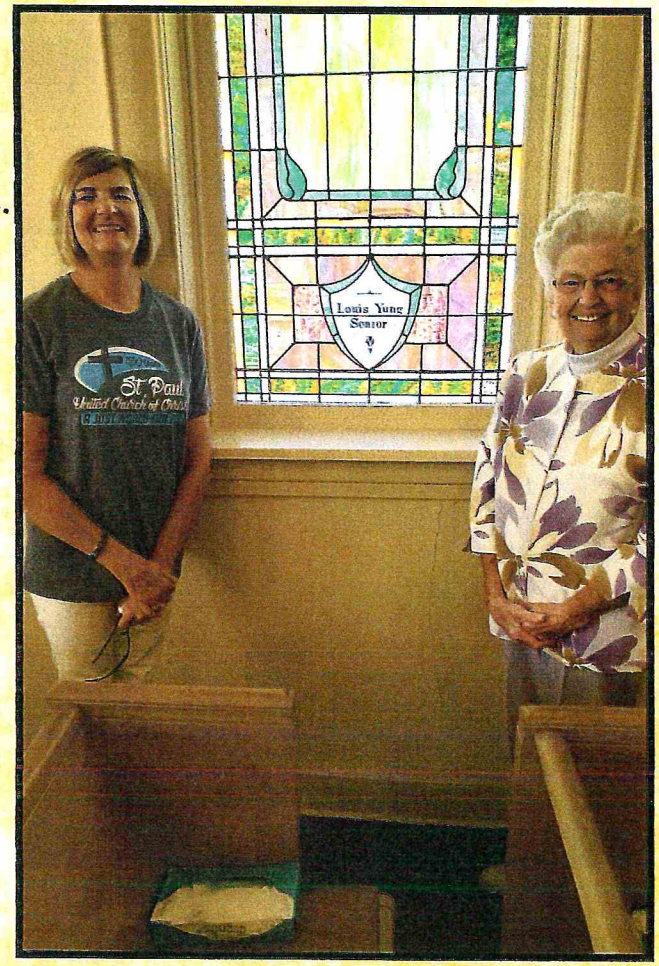


Charter Members of St. Paul's

Louis Yung
George Huth
Jacob Kunz
Peter Loos
Peter Yung
John Hepp
Charley Hoffman
Baltasar Gerstenschlager
Jacob Loos
Henry Driemeyer
John Valentine
John Loos

Cheryl Place Bigham and her mother, Shirley Huth Place Welsch standing by the stained glass window in honor of Shirley's Great Grandfather, George Huth.



Diann Woodside Priebe and Eunice Yung Schrader standing by the window of their ancestor, Louis Yung.

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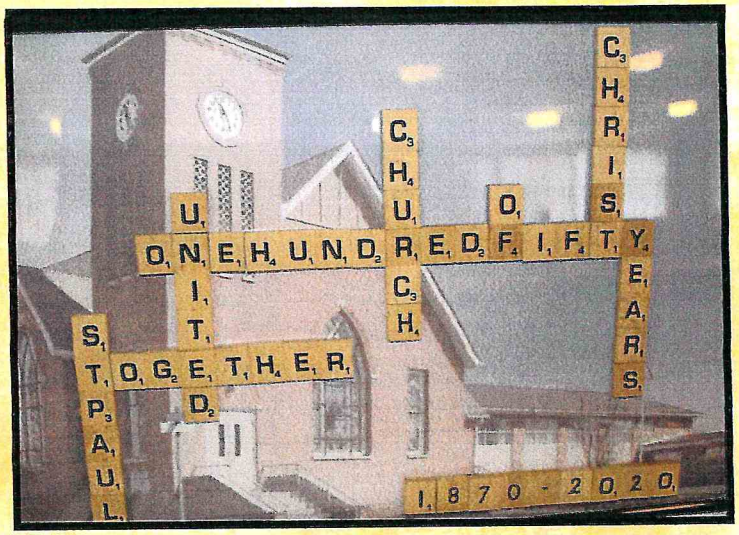
WELCOME TO OUR
150TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!
SUNDAY 10A.M.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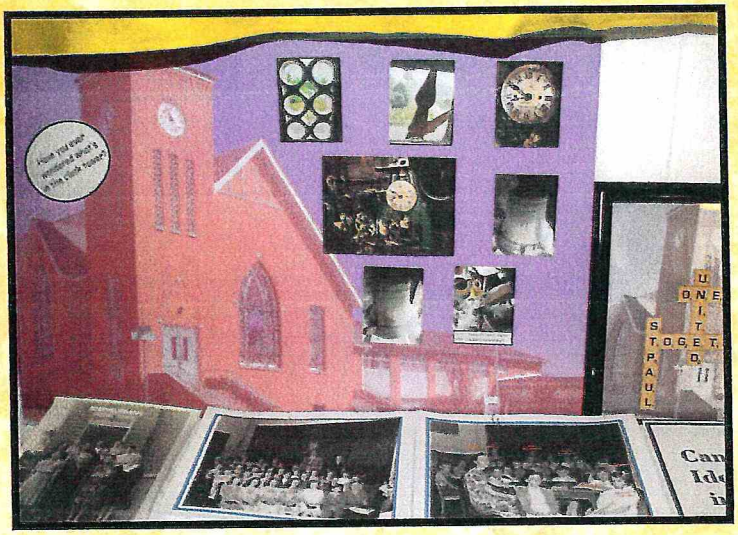
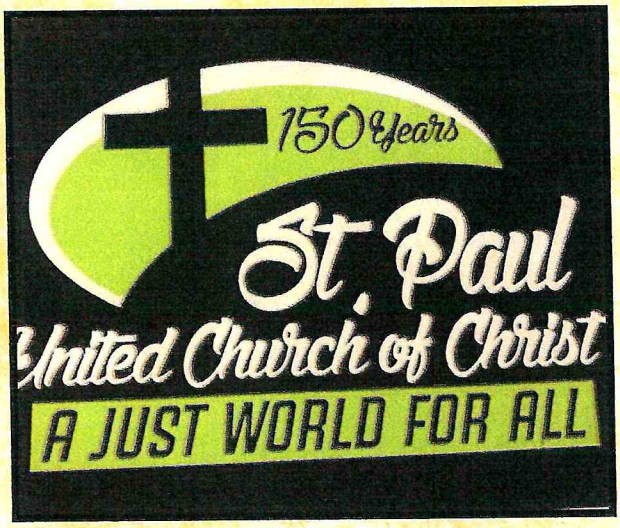
UNITED TOGETHER
ST PAUL
1870 - 2020

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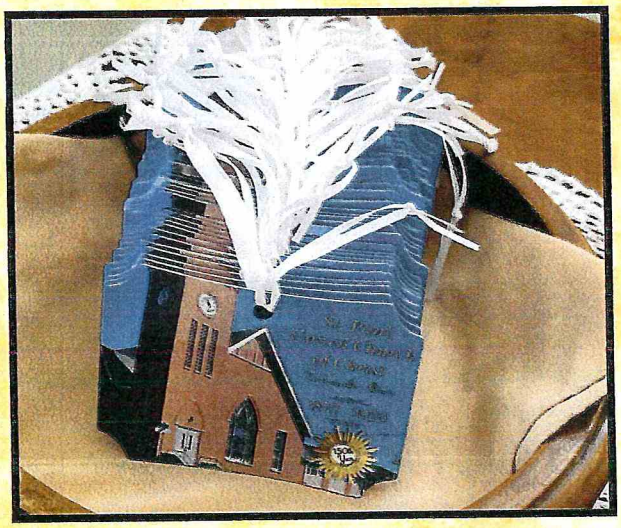
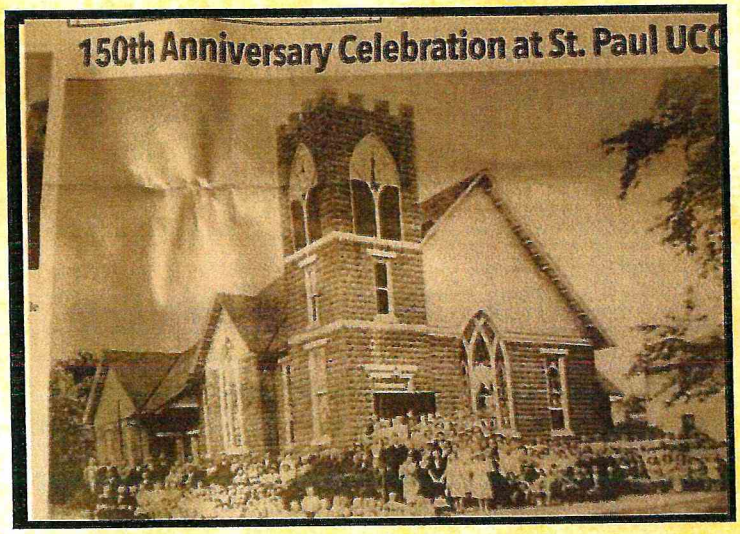
United Church of Christ
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

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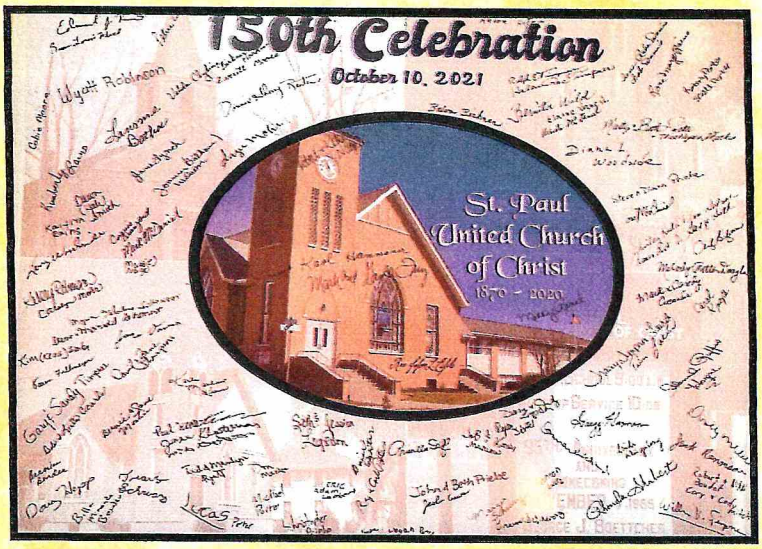
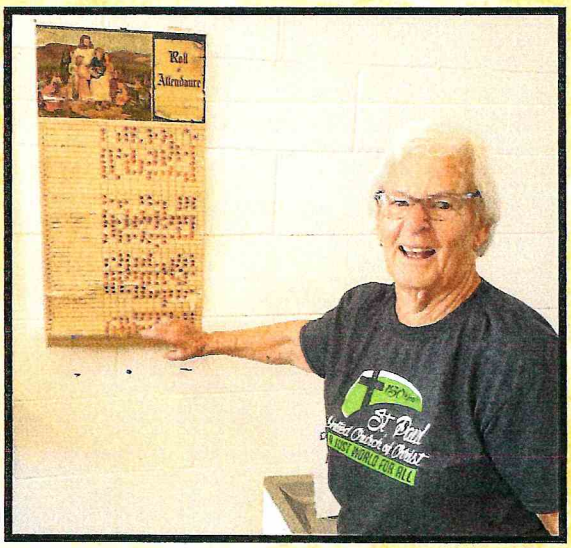




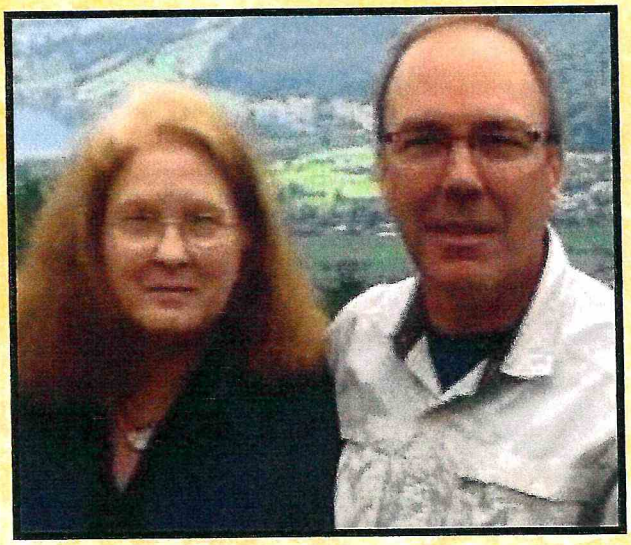
Good Attendance

Ralph Timpner and Deloris Mohr Bender
check their Sunday School attendance from 1957 and 1951

Special Visitors

Three of our former pastors were represented by family members.

Rev. Howard Self - Widow, Priscilla and her grandson, Kaleb Reynolds



Rev. Adolf Friz - Grandson, Rev. Mark Friz and wife, Gayle

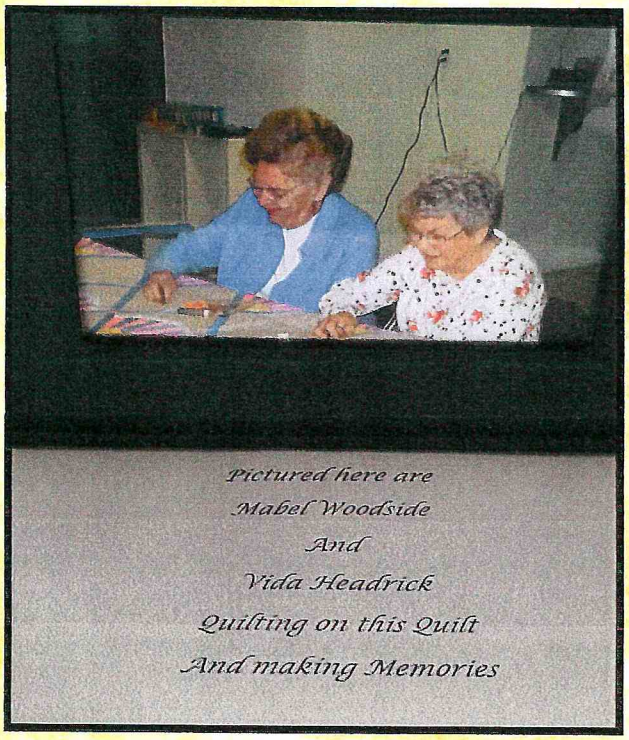
Rev. Keith Klosterman - Children, Michael, Connie and Pat

Mike, Paul & Jane Klosterman, Connie Crawford, Pat & Jim Davies

Our church was blessed with the talents of member, Karl Marlow throughout the years. This being only one of his creations.

Children of Karl Marlow, Bob and Karla

Quilting



Visitors looking over the church history

Alberta McDaniel, Diane Hammann, Gregg Hammann and Elaine Vancil

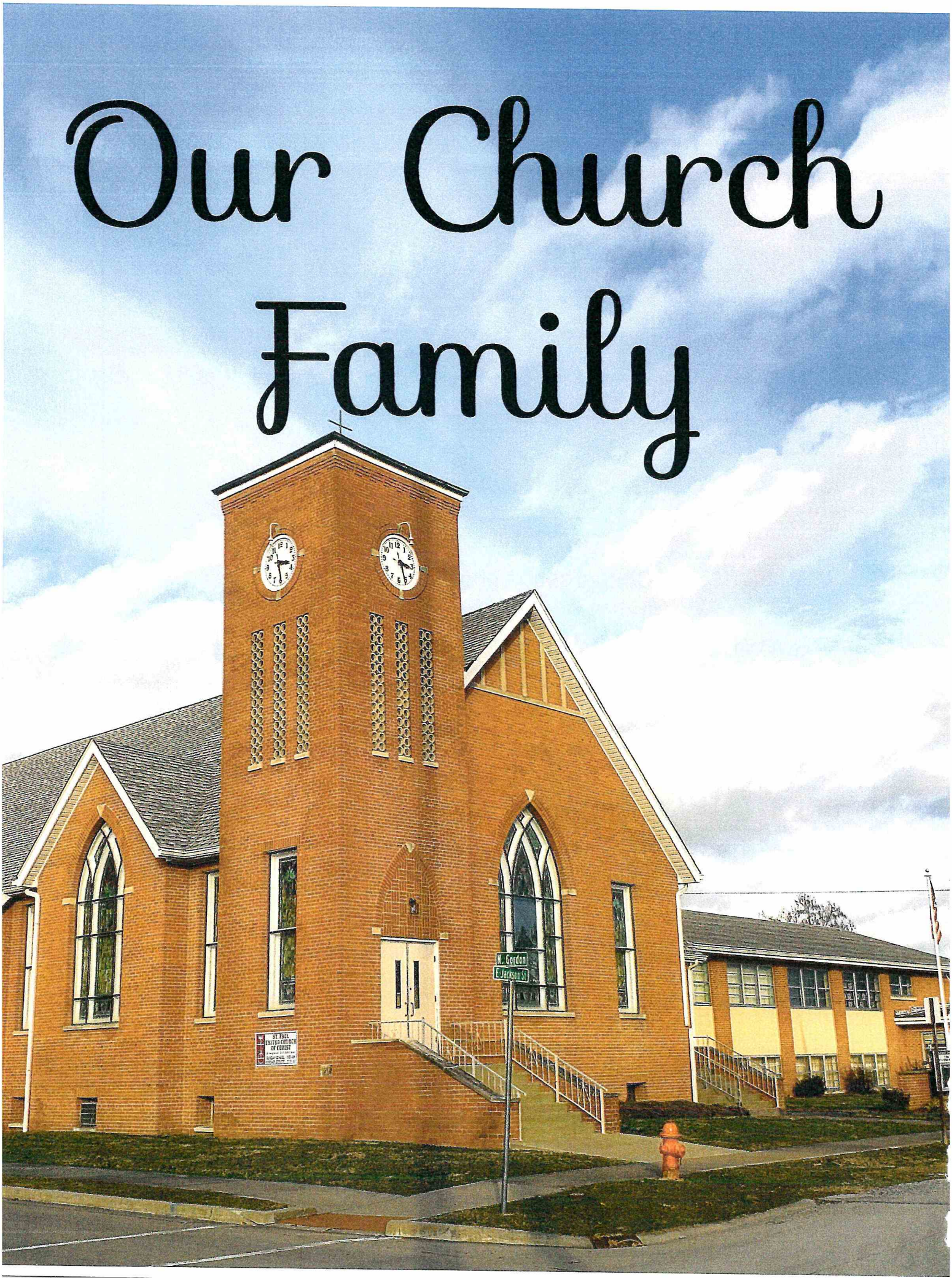
Lavonne Bathon and Elaine Vancil checking out some church history

Bernita Wild helping Tracey Laird identify past church members in old photos

Sandy and Gary Timpner and the wedding picture display

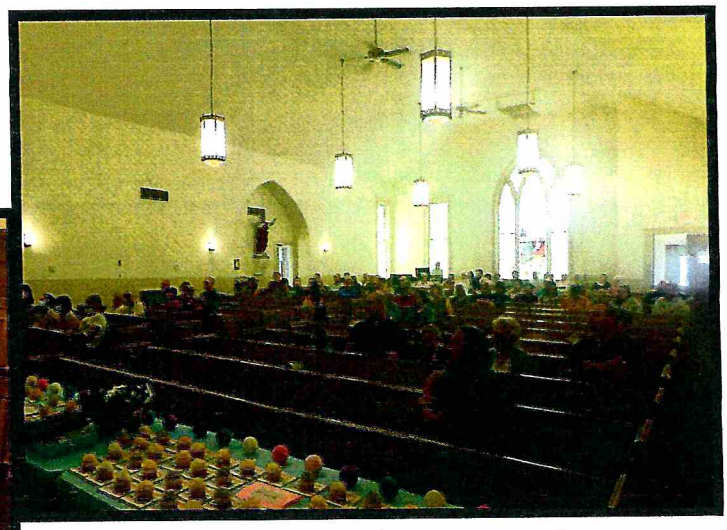
Oldest picture submitted, Longest living married couple and newest married couple

Our Church Family



Childrens Sermon

Maddie Nagel, Wyatt Robinson, Khloe Liter, Pastor Jason, William Bender, Cobie Moore, Lucas Porter, Logan Porter, Adam Lambert, Maddy Martin, Hannah Wang, Angelica Zheng, Grayson Martin



Our Church at Worship

Congregation photo identification

Front:
Lucas Porter, Adam Lambert, Chloe Liter, William Bender, Hannah Wang, Angelica Zheng, Logan Porter, Cobie Moore, Grayson Martin, Wyatt Robinson, Maddie Martin, Maddie Nagel, Kaitlyn Rains, Saixiang Zheng, Kimberly Rains, Junjie Wang, Yidi Zheng, Iris Zheng, Evelyn Zheng, Doris Porter, Alberta McDaniel, Katherine Zheng, Graci McDaniel, Eunice Schrader, Jim Engelhardt Ray Porter, Mark McDaniel, Travis Schwarz, Nellie Engelhardt, Margie Schwarz, Beth Porter, Trenton Schwarz, Bettie Jo Mucha, Marty Porter, Westlynn Mathis, Sandy Timpner, Gary Timpner,

Cross - 1st row:
Rosemary Rains, Karen Feltmeyer, Bernita Wild, Linda Eisenhauer, Piper Stoffel, Candy Cicardi, Linda Cicardi, Bob Cicardi, Trevor Schwarz, Virginia "Mickey" Rivet, Clydine Hardin Moore, Everett Moore, Rhonda Shubert, Kelsey Robinson, Bobby Nagel, Deloris Bender, Erica Crews Tracey Laird

Cross - 2nd row:
Claude Rains, Jack Rennison, Bernice Bender, Carol Knope, Gavin Blockyou, Donna Vuichard, Lavonne Bathon, Eric Lambert, Michelle Lambert, Pastor Jason Eisle, Cynthia Heisner, Carly Heisner, Paul Krone, Seth Logsdon, Jessica Logsdon, Pat Mohr, Bobby Boudet

Cross - 3rd row:
David Logsdon, Judy Logsdon, Carolyn Mohr, Helen Rae Timpner, Ralph Timpner, Miranda Bender, Wyatt Bender, Billy Joe Bender, Kimberly Porter, Scott Porter, Patsy Chism, Linda Porter, Kara Carson, David Porter, Jane Martin, Bernard Martin, Diann Priebe, Steve Priebe

Top Center of Cross:
Michael Porter, Beth Priebe, Jacob Priebe, Don Martie, John Priebe, Ed Kocian, John Mucha Bill V. Timpner

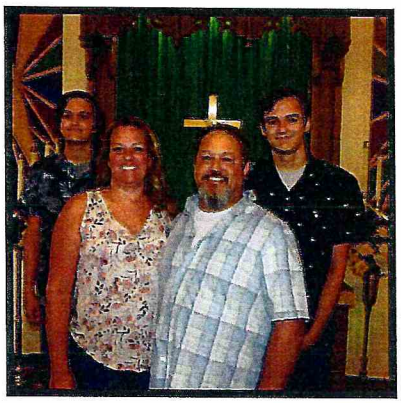
BATHON, Lavonne

BENDER, Bernice

BENDER, Bill, Miranda William and Wyatt

BENDER, Deloris

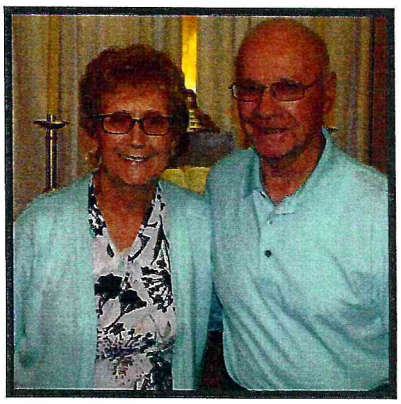
BIRKNER, Belva



BOUDET, Bobby, Nikki, Cody, Cory

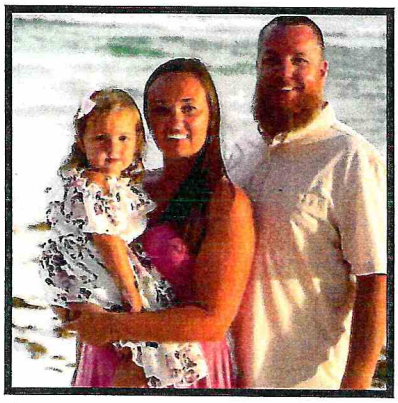
BROSTMEYER, Bill & Melissa

CHISM, Patsy



CICARDI, Bob & Linda

CICARDI, Mark & Candy



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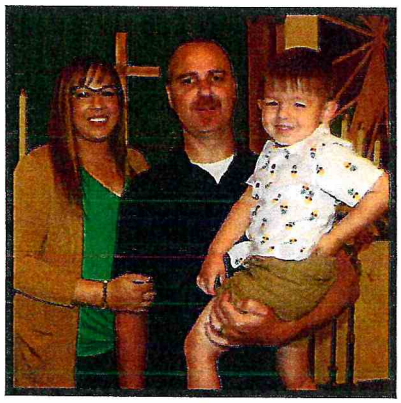

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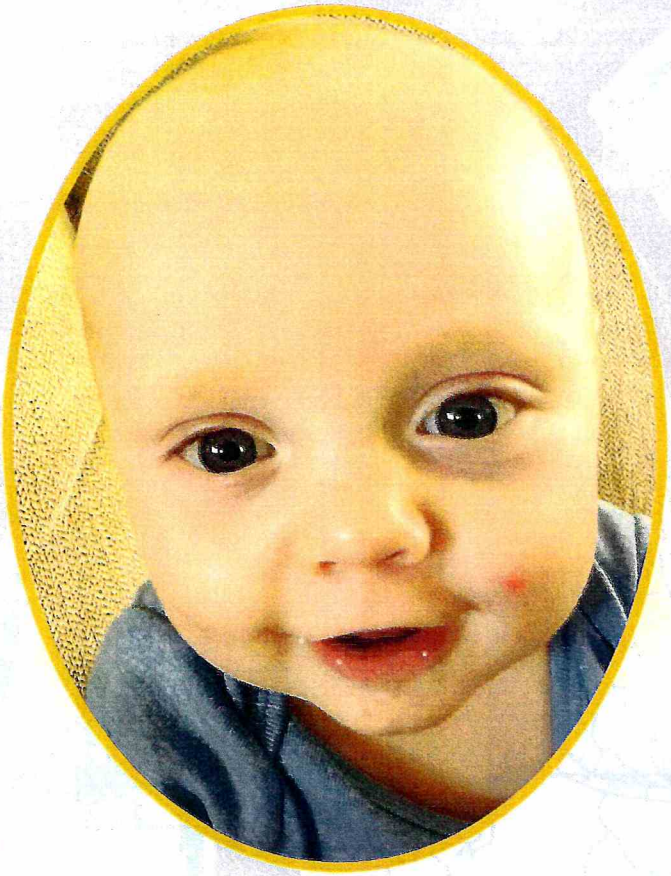
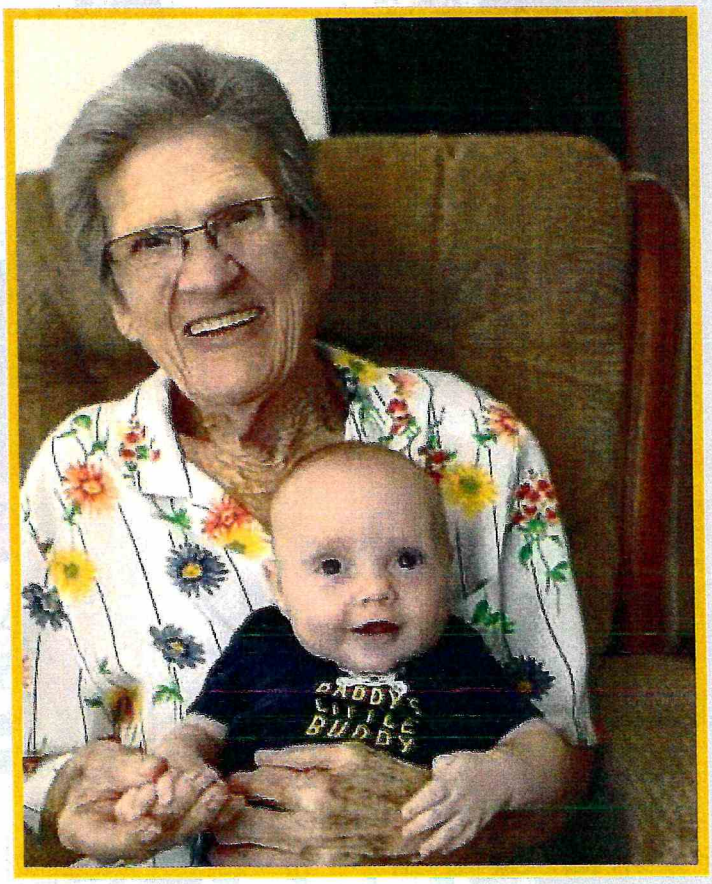


Wyatt Joseph Bender
son of Billy Joe & Miranda Bender
was born April 6, 2021

Gloria Feltmeyer Pulke
95 years young

Youngest and Oldest Church Members 2021



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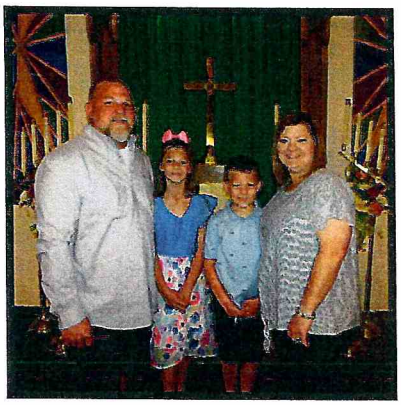
LOGSDON, Dave & Judy

LOGSDON, Seth & Jessica

LYNCH, Orval, Jane & Kayla

MARTIN, Bernard & Jane



MARTIN, Michael, Jennifer Maddyson & Grayson

McDANIEL, Alberta, Mark, Ruth, Heather & Graci

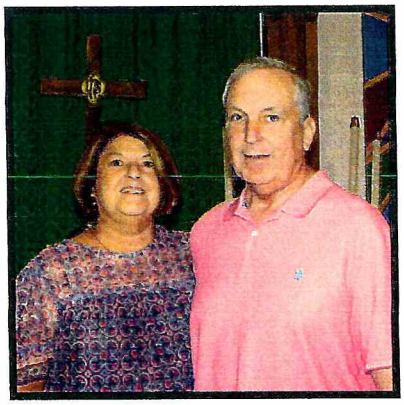
MOHR, Carolyn, Rose Mohr, Judy Logsdon

MOHR, Pat

MOHR, Verna Mae

MOORE, Everett, Clydine, Khloe Liter, Cobie Moore

MUCHA, Betty & Bill



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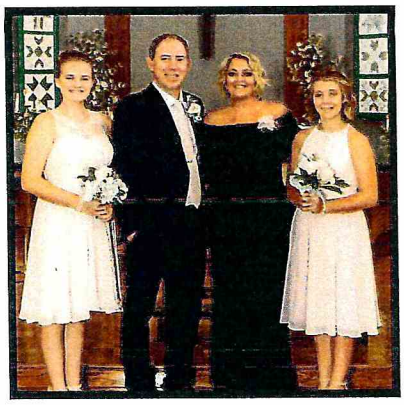
ENGELHARDT, Alan

ENGELHARDT, Jim & Nellie



HEISNER, Blaine, Cynthia, Carly and Eliza

HOLT, Kenneth & Jenetta

JOHNSON, Terry & Emma Jean

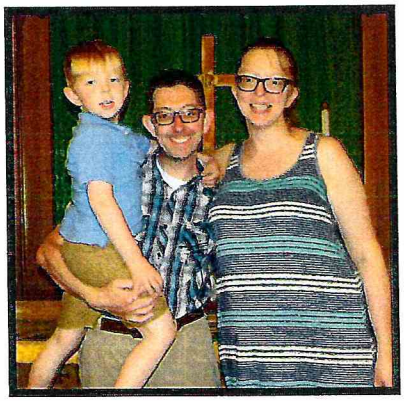
KNOPE, Donnie & Carol

KOCIAN, Ed

LAIRD, Shelby

LAIRD, Tracey & Travis

LAMBERT, Bridget, Carol Walker and Christy Hobbs



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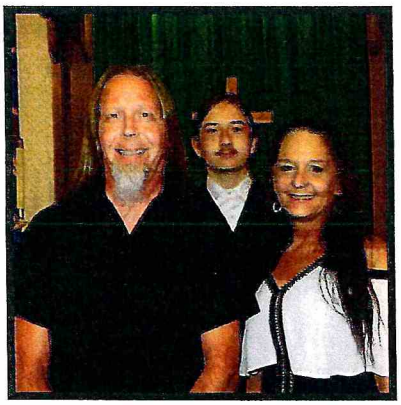
RENNISON, Jack

REUTER, Dennis & Sherry



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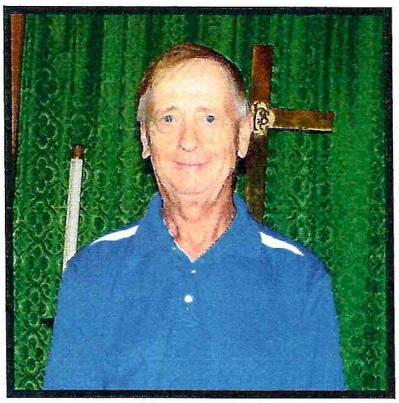

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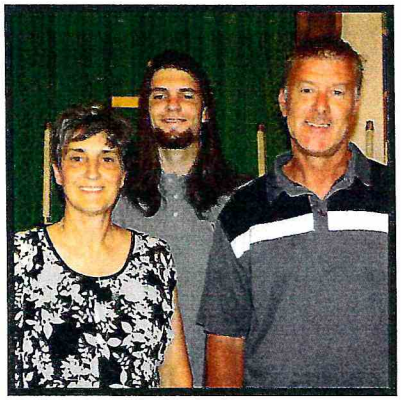

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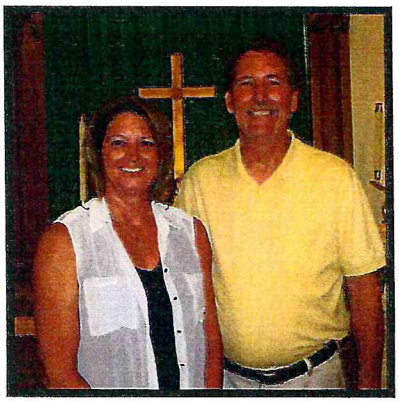

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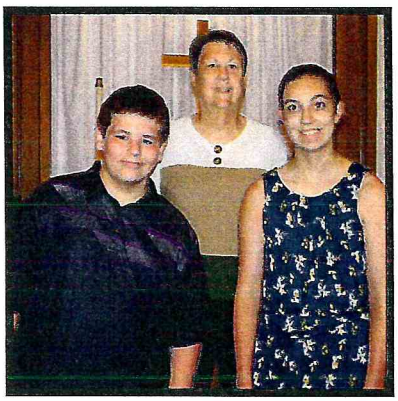

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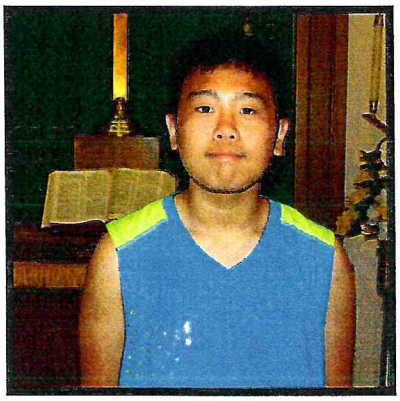

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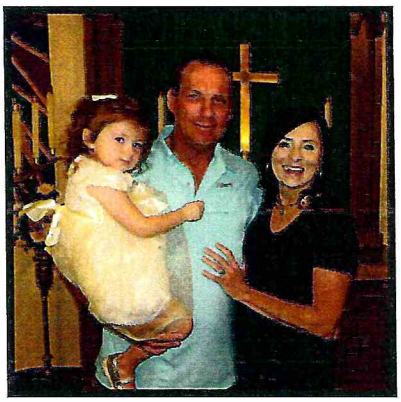
PORTER, Doris



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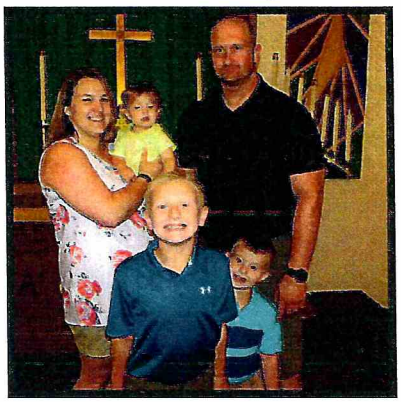

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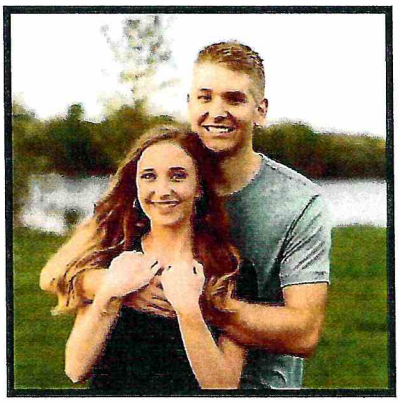
PORTER, Ray & Carla

PRIEBE, John, Beth, Jacob & Erica Crews



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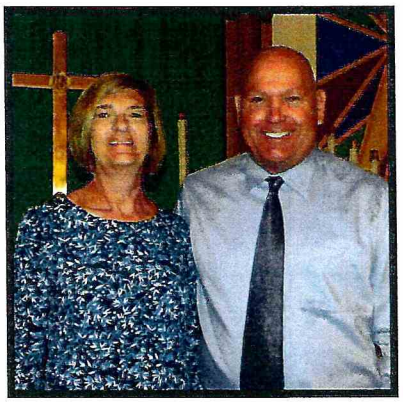

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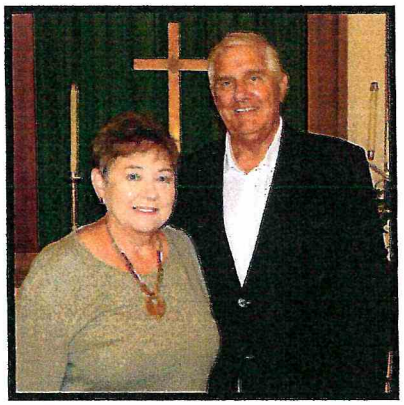

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ZHENG, Yidi, Biyun Lin, Iris, Evelyn & Angelica

FELTMEYER, Karen

Change for Sunday School
1965 vs. 2021

The Educational Building was completed in 1965. Reverend George Boettcher led the congregation for the "first look". Little miss Judy Mohr, accompanied by her mother Carolyn, was selected to carry the house bank, used by Sunday School children to drop in their offerings for generations to come. They are followed by Brenda and her mother Betty Schumaier.

In 2021, 56 years later, Pastor Jason Eisele holds the door open for Judy Mohr Logsdon, holding the same bank, accompanied by her mother Carolyn.

Our Father

Who art in Heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts

As we forgive our debtors

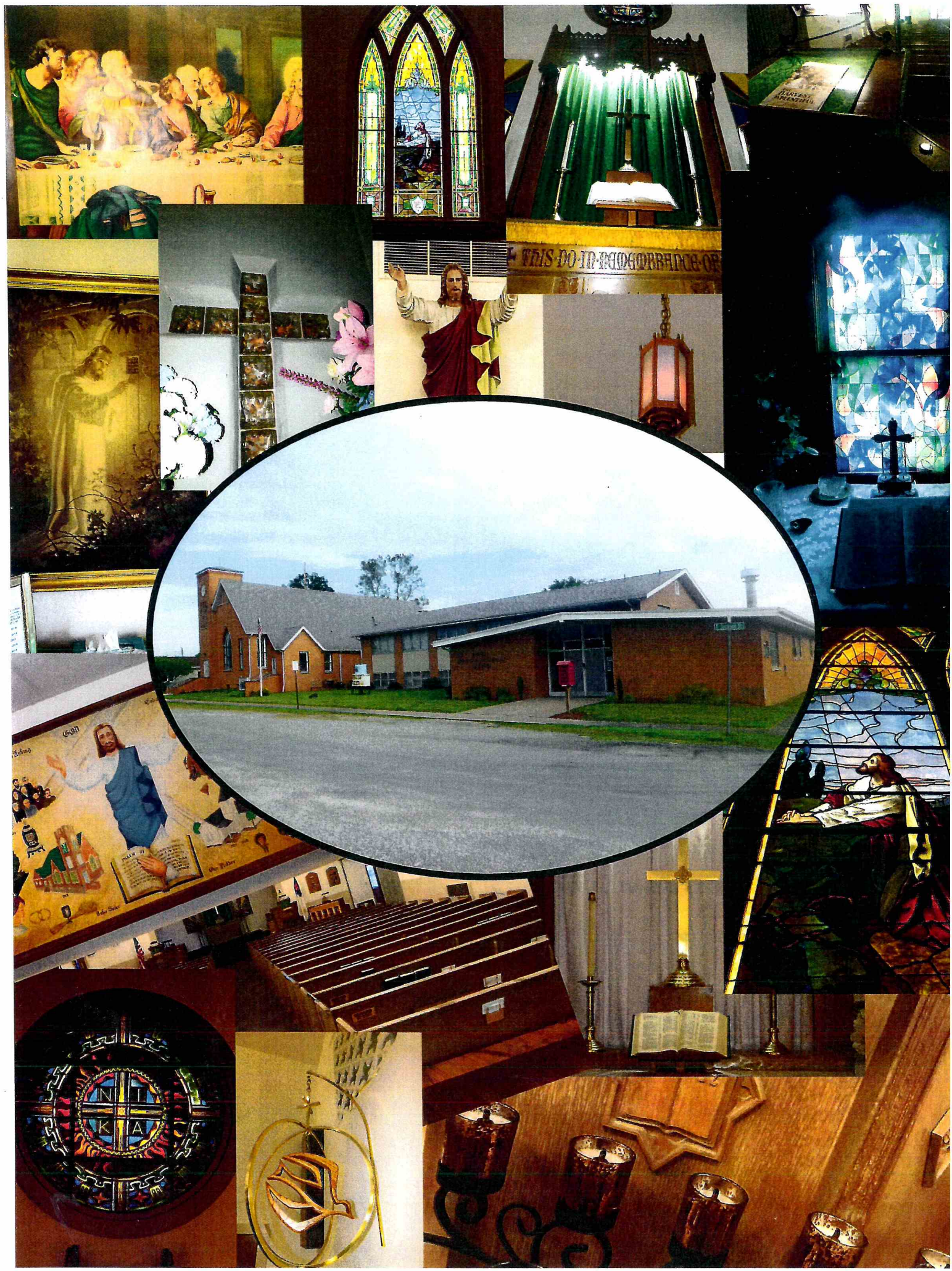
Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom

the power and the glory for ever

Amen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